



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: A8680

Lester F. LUDWIG, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/721,905

Group Art Unit: 2152

Confirmation No.: 6289

Examiner: Dung C. Dinh

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For: MULTIMEDIA COLLABORATION SYSTEM

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on September 22, 2005:

**REMARKS**

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was provided to the Applicants' representative but a copy has not yet been provided in an Official Communication from the USPTO.

During the interview, the following was discussed by Examiner Dinh and Applicants' representative Alan J. Kasper and co-inventor Lester Ludwig, PhD.:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: None
2. Identification of claims discussed: 1-42
3. Identification of art discussed: Vin, Baumgardner, Marshak and Biswas, as well as certain UNIX background information.

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4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: Clarification of claims as needed to remove any informalities but not to overcome prior art.

5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Failure of the prior art to teach wide area networks, deficiencies in the cited prior art with respect to the creation of "service records" as claimed, and the inability of the cited prior art to be combined.

6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: The Examiner admitted the prior art was deficient and noted his intention to rely on uncited art related to the UNIX system in the early 90's. A brief discussion of the inapplicability of such system was held, but no resolution was attained. Applicants would address the art in its response.

7. Results of Interview: No agreement was reached but Applicants' representatives noted that they would include the arguments for patentability in the reply to the outstanding Office Action, including the basis for overcoming teachings related to the UNIX system.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

**It is believed that no petition or fee is required.** However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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